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TOWN OFFICERS—1884—85.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT, *Chairman.*

JAMES A. BANCROFT, CHARLES H. NOWELL.

Town Clerk.

WILLIAM J. WIGHTMAN.

Treasurer.

EDWARD F. PARKER.

Collector of Taxes.

R. DEXTER TEMPLE.

School Committee.

HORACE G. WADLIN, *Chairman.* -	Term expires,	1887
HENRY G. KITTREDGE, *Secretary.* -	" "	1885
CARROLL D. WRIGHT, - - -	" "	1887
STILLMAN E. PARKER, - - -	" "	1886
EDWARD F. PARKER, - - - -	" "	1886
AMES A. BANCROFT, - - -	" "	1885

Surveyor of Highways.

WILLIAM L. JONES.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

GEORGE H. PARKER, *Chief.* - - Resigned Jan. 1, 1885

EDWARD C. NICHOLS, - - - Chief from Jan. 1, 1885

ARTHUR S. RICHARDSON, *Clerk.*

WENDELL BANCROFT, WILLIAM L. CROWE.

Constables.

LEWIS W. ERSKINE, EDWIN BASSETT.

Policemen.

GEORGE E. DAVIS, *Chief.* EDWARD B. EAMES, *Clerk.*
CHARLES S. CONEY.

Night Watchman.

HENRY STOCK.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

R. DEXTER TEMPLE.

Trustees of Public Library.

STEPHEN FOSTER, *Chairman.* - -	Term expires,		1886
HORACE G. WADLIN, *Secretary.* - -	"	"	1886
CYRUS M. BARROWS, - - - -	"	"	1887
JAMES H. GRIGGS, - - - -	"	"	1887
C. D. THOMAS, - - - - -	"	"	1885
HARLEY PRENTISS, - - - -	"	"	1885

Trustees of Cemetery.

GILMAN C. GLEASON, - - - -	Term expires,		1887
FRANCIS O. DEWEY, - - - -	"	"	1887
JAMES A. BANCROFT, - - - -	"	"	1886
FRANK W. B. PRATT, - - - -	"	"	1886
SOLON BANCROFT, - - - -	"	"	1885
WILLIAM J. WIGHTMAN, - - -	"	"	1885

Auditors.

EDWARD APPLETON,
GILMAN L. PARKER. FRANK W. B. PRATT.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Births Registered in Reading for the Year 1884.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
Jan. 12	Nina Louise Pendergaee,	F	Edward H. and Jennie,	Rattan Worker.
" 20	Philip Sidney Weston,	M	David and Mary A.,	Rattan Worker.
" 21	Snow,	M	Henry and Emily,	Mechanic.
Feb. 1	Friedrich Henreich Miller,	M	Friedrich and Bertha,	Furniture Manf'tr
" 3	MaudeChamberlainDamon	F	Charles E. and Amie W.,	Neck Tie Manf'tr.
" 15	Froton,	F	Peter and Eugenia,	Laborer.
" 20	William F. Alger,	M	Albert W. and Sarah M.,	Mechanic.
Mareh 5	Mary Susan Kearn,	F	David W. and Sarah A.,	Painter.
" 14	Octavia Frances Parker,	F	Frank and Hannah O.,	Shoe Manufaet'r.
April 10	Ermina Josephine Smith,	F	Benjamin Y. and Mary F.,	Organ pipe Mak'r.
" 10	Elsie Favor Eaton,	F	John H. and Clara A.,	Carpenter.
" 13	Albert Leslie Jones,	M	Jacob D. and Julia Etta,	Farmer.
" 26	Jessie Grimshaw,	F	Harry Mendleson & Jessie,	Mechanic.
May 2	Etta May Conley,	F	James F. and May E.,	R. R. Employe.
" 3	Flora Morvena Ramsey,	F	Donald and Lillian K.,	Lithographer.
" 4	Hayes,	M	H. C. Young & Mary Hayes,	
June 5	Carl Joseph Runnels,	M	Joseph F. and Lydia A.,	Salesman.
" 29	Stuart Braman,	M	William B. and Mary C.	Mechanic.
July 5	Florence Dole Nichols,	F	Charles H. and Lucy M.	Salesman.
" 21	Harry Clarkson Parker,	M	George W. and Jennie L.	Salesman.
" 26	Crane,	F	Arthur and Julia,	Mechanic.
Aug. 2	Alvah Paul Wakefield,	M	Charles and Mary A.	Farmer.
" 19	Frank Herbert Heselton,	M	Herbert R. and Lottie E.	Mechanic.
" 22	Barrus,	F	George H. and Sarah L.	Engineer.
" 23	Lillian Frances Lang,	F	George E. and Amy F.	Expressman.
Sept. 3	Sadie Amanda Robinson,	F	Charles R. and Ella B.	Salesman.
" 26	Bunker,	F	Henry and Mary L.	Cabinet Maker.
" 29	Robert Henry Hodson,	M	Alexander and Eliza,	Decorator.
Oct. 1	Walter Edward Draffin,	M	William J. and Carrie W.	Milk Dealer.
" 7	Sarah Elizabeth Wakefield,	F	George and Grace L.	Milk Dealer.
" 12	Edith May Dyer,	F	Horace E. and Mary L.	Ass't. Cashier.
" 31	Jennie Gertrude Francis,	F	Albert J. and Jennie P.	Com. Traveler.
Nov. 3	Ralph Fredriek Heselton,	M	Riehmond and Lizzie M.	Cabinet Maker.
" 6	Florence Mabel Russell,	F	Charles H. and Myra R.	Rubber Worker.
" 8	Henry Gilbert Carter,	M	Adelbert H. and Clara L.	Organ pipe Mak'r
" 8	HermannCopeland Bowser	M	Robert and Mary T.	Merchant.
" 13	Henry Lewis Stone,	M	J. Henry and Carrie A.	Salesman.
" 18	Mabel Florence Wright,	F	Henry A. and Addie E.	Clerk.
" 22	Chester Russell Whittier.	M	Aristides and Mabel,	Neck Tie Cutter.
" 26	Willie Gay,	M	Louis F. and Hattie M.	Merehant.
Dec. 1	McDonald,	F	John H. and Lilla B.	Blacksmith.
" 2	Doucette,	F	David and ————	Rubber Worker.
" 5	Harriet Elizabeth Parker,	F	Asa and Sarah A.	Farmer.
" 5	White,	M	Joshua and Mary Ann,	Stone Mason.
" 13	Mary Ann Turner,	F	John and Bridgett,	R. R. Employe.
" 14	Freddie Melvin Day,	M	Arthur B. and Nellie A.	Painter.
" 19	Bessie Maxwell Parker,	F	Chester A. and Laura B.	R. R. Engineer.
" 25	Anna Rhodora Gilson,	F	F. Howard and Emily I.	Printer.

Whole number of Births registered in 1884, 48. Males, 21; Females, 27.
Nativity of Parents, American, Fathers, 35; Mothers, 34. Foreign, Fathers, 13; Mothers, 14.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Reading in the Year 1884.

DATE.	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION OF GROOM.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	No. of Marriage.	NAME OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 1	David S. Preble,	50	Nw'c'sle,Me.	Farmer,	Boothbay, Me.,	Sec.	James and Phebe,	Rev. Edward Davies.
	Caroline A.Houdlette,	38	Boston,		Whitefield, Me.,	First	Washington & Hannah,	
" 1	Andrew J. Mooar,	52	Lawrence,	Machinist,	Andover,	Sec.	Andrew A. and Abiah,	Rev. C. J. Staples.
	Lucy R. Austin,	31	Reading,		Reading,	First	Eastman and Olive,	
" 3	Edmund E. Short,	26	Haverhill,	Carpenter,	West Newbury,	First	Amos E. and Abbie R.,	Rev. E. C. Butler,
	Annie F. Goodridge,	19	Reading,		Reading,	First	George W. and	[Beverly.
" 8	Chas. Henry Russell,	33	Reading,	Machinist,	Medford,	First	James S. and Emily,	Rev. J. K. Ewer.
	Myra R. King,	39	Reading,		Rockport,	First	Benoni and Sarah,	
" 20	Charles W. Flint,	24	Reading,	Music Comp.	Reading.	First	Charles E. and Mary J.	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
	Jennie Armstrong,	23	Reading,			First	John and Lizzie,	
" 24	Charles N. Bancroft,	22	Reading,	BaggageMaster,	Reading,	First	James and Sarah,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
	Susie B. Cordwell,	18	Reading,		Nova Scotia,	First	James E. and Isabel,	
Feb. 13	Frank H.Whitchurch,	21	Reading,	Wire Worker,	East Boston,	First	Edwin W. and Lydia J.	Rev. C. D. Hill,
	Mary E. Dimock,	21	East Boston,		Portland, Me.,	First	Arnold S. & Melvina H.	[Boston.
March 10	Melvin Waitt,	30	Stoneham,	Agent,	Danvers,	Sec.	Elias B. & Harriet E.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
	Annie C. Bardwell,	25	Stoneham,		Andover,	First	Simeon and Almira,	
" 16	Albert F. Mears,	39	Reading,	Mechanic,	Andover,	Sec.	Dier and Sarah,	Rev. W. H. Morrison.
	Bell Kenney,	30	Wakefield,		New Brunswick.	First	Solomon and Agnes,	[Wakefield,
" 27	James T. Magee,	27	Wakefield,	Teamster,	New Brunswick,	First	Thomas and Ann Jane,	Rev. Daniel Steele.
	Mary J. Balentine,	22	Reading,		Nova Scotia,	First	David and Isabella,	
April 30	Percival W. Elliott,	24	Reading,	Salesman,	East Boston,	First	William W. & Nannie A.	Rev. Daniel Steele.
	Lizzie E. Cummings,	23	Reading,		East Boston,	First	Horace L. & Abbie L.	
May 28	Frank E. Brown,	37	Reading,	Baker,	Woodstock, Vt.,	Sec.	Newell R. and Nancy J.	Rev. Frank E. Mills.
	Mary J. Hayes,	25	Reading,		Haverhill,	First	Richard Hayes,	
June 2	George W. Chaney,	26	Dunstable,	Farmer,	Dunstable,	First	William F. & Clara M.	Rev. James K. Ewer.
	Adelia G. Hartwell,	21	Reading,		Amherst,	First	Albert A & Isabella F.	
" 11	Felix Muse,	21	Woburn,	Mechanic,	Nova Scotia,	First	Frank and Aurette,	Rev. J. A Donnely,
	Rose Muse,	21	Reading,		Nova Scotia,	First	Kaul and Maggie,	[Wakefield.
" 15	Thomas Gould,	24	Medford,	Painter,	Stoneham,	First	Thomas and Martha M.	Rev. C. J. Staples.
	Henrietta G. Jones,	23	Stoneham,		Stoneham,	First	Jesse G. and Abigail,	
" 18	George J Cross,	29	Minn.	R. R. Employe,	Lowell,	First	Frederick C. & Sarah,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
	Mary H. Eaton,	31	Reading,		Auburndale,	First	S. J. & Caroline H.	
" 22	Charles H. Graham,	22	Stoneham,	Clerk,	Townsend,	First	John and Abbie,	Rev. C. J. Staples.
	Mary Emma Hay,	23	Stoneham,		Stoneham,	First	Peter C. and Ann,	
" 23	George Dow,	26	Boston,	Teamster,	Ipswich,	First	John and Mary,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
	Josephine Burilaux,	22	Chelsea,		Charlestown,	First	Theodore and Vedenia,	
July 12	George E. Flanders,	30	Penn.	Baker,	Woburn,	First	Henry H. and Sarah J.	Rev. James K. Ewer.
	Jennie R. Dinsmore,	25	Reading,		Nova Scotia,	First	Joseph J. and Sarah A.	

July	23	Charles E. Walton,	23	Wakefield,	Shoe Man'f'r.	Wakefield,	First	Edward H. & Sarah L.	Rev. David N. Beach,
		Louise F. Nichols,	20	Reading,		Reading,	First	Hartwell and Mary,	[Wakefield.
Aug.	24	Miles Thurston,	62	Lynnfield,	Farmer,	N. H.,	Sec.	Samuel and Ann,	Rev. Daniel Steele.
		Susan G. Hill,	44	Lynnfield,		Nova Scotia,	First	Robert and Susan.	
"	27	James Todd,	28	Reading,	Engineer,	England,	First	James and Susanna,	Rev. N. B. Wilson.
		Car'e.F. Rose,(Roote)	24	Reading,		Nantasket,	Sec.	Joseph and Bethia,	
Sept.	3	Francis E. J. McNiel,	23	Reading,	Clerk,	Boston,	First	Francis E. & Mary Ann,	Rev. David. N. Beach,
		Lizzie Fitzgerald,	24	Malden,		Boston,	Sec.	John and Mary Ann,	[Wakefield.
"	10	George F. Gilman,	48	Reading,	Engineer,	Wakefield, N.H.,	Sec.	Avery and Sarah,	Rev. Daniel Steele.
		Mary Miller,	36	Reading,		Lebanon, Vt.,	Sec.	(Woods)	
"	20	Stephen T. McCall,	24	Reading,	Blacksmith,	England,	First	John and Phebe,	Rev. R. D. Grant,
		Mary Jane Tuckwell,	18	Merrimac,		Amesbury,	First	James C. and Agnes M.	[Wakefield.
"	21	Edward T. Smart,	28	Reading,	Carriage Trim'r	Andover,	First	Hugh and Jane M.	Rev. J. K. Ewer.
		Almina Knight,	24	Reading,		G't Falls, N. H.	First	Erastus and Olive,	
Oct.	1	Frank E. Hewes,	21	No. Reading,	Blacksmith,	Lynnfield,	First	Richard and Harriet,	Rev. Daniel Steele.
		Nannie M. Breed,	27	No. Reading,		North Reading,	First	Samuel P. and Sarah,	
"	2	Francis E. Brooks,	33	Reading,	Brush Maker,	Reading,	Sec.	William & Elizabeth A.	Rev. A. T. Dunn,
		Helen E. Walker,	34	Dorchester,		Charlestown,	First	John W. & Rhoda P. H.	[Boston.
"	7	Edward Wright,	22	Reading,	Org'n Pipe Mkr,	Iowa.	First	William and Eliza,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
		Clara W. Mitchell,	33	Reading,		South Boston,	First	David S. and Esther,	
"	14	Josiah H. Hall, 2nd.	23	Reading,	Neck Tie Cutter,	Wareham,	First	Bradford L. & Sarah S.	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
		Caroline W. Corrie,	26	Reading,		Reading,	First	John H. and Bella,	
"	16	George Lyman Pratt,	22	Reading,	Neck Tie Cutter,	Reading,	First	Lyman and Mary E.	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
		Addie A. Mitchell,	22	Reading,		South Boston,	First	G. B. & Caroline M.	
"	18	Edward T. Wall,	26	Reading,	R. R. Employe,	Reading,	First	Thomas and Ellen,	Rev. J. A. Donnelly,
		Elizabeth A. Lewis,	20	Reading,		St. Johns, N. F.,	First	John and Sarah,	[Wakefield.
"	20	Damon Jenkins,	48	Reading,	Farmer,	North Andover,	First	Samuel and Mary,	Wm. J. Wightman,
		Phebe A. Jones,	42	Reading,		N. H.,	First	Alford and Lucinda.	Justice of Peace.
"	30	Charles B. Eames,	36	Reading,	Mechanic,	Wilmington,	Sec.	James M. and Delia,	Rev. C. J. Staples.
		Nina E. Morrill,	23	Reading,		Tewksbury,	First	Hollis A. and Annie M.	
Nov.	26	Edmund H. Granger,	36	Tenn.	Banker,	Noblesville, Ind.	Sec.	Lorenzo N. & Nancy E.	Rev. Wm. Barrows.
		Abbie S. Perkins,	33	Reading,	Teacher,	Reading,	First	William R. & Abbie S.	
"	26	Albert E. Holden,	33	Boston,	R. R. Conductor,	Barre, Vt.,	First	Lucius & Sophronia,	Rev. J. A. Donnelly,
		Catherine L. Forbes,	25	Reading,		Reading,	First	Michael and Mary,	[Wakefield.
Dec.	1	John H. McDonald,	22	Reading,	Blacksmith,	Nova Scotia,	First	Edward and Elizabeth,	Rev. C. J. Staples.
		Lilla B. Blunt,	19	Reading,		Reading,	First	John A. and Maria,	
"	17	John H. Chapman,	32	N. H.	Carpenter,	Wakefield, N.H.,	First	Eben and Clara,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
		Emma E. Richards,	32	Reading,		Concord, N. H.,	Sec.	J. W. and E. W. (Fales)	
"	22	Chas. H. Stinchfield,	30	Reading,	Machinist,	So. Poland, Me.,	First	John & Mehitable F.	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
		Carrie F. Parker,	26	Reading,		Reading,	First	George A. & Francis A.	

Whole number of Marriages Registered in Reading for the year 1884, 39. Nativity of persons married: American, Males, 34; Females, 32; Foreign, Males, 5; Females, 7.

Deaths Registered in Reading for the year 1884.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.	NAMES OF PARENTS OR HUSBANDS.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Jan. 18	Helen A. Sanborn,	43	9	16	Daniel C. Sanborn,	Gall Stones.
" 19	Martha Pike,	64	10	22	James and Ann,	Thrombus.
" 27	Daniel Sullivan,	60				Unknown.
" 27	Jabez D. Parker,	90	11	6	Aaron and Jerusha,	Old Age.
" 31	Sybella Hale Hall,	86	4	28	Enoch & Octavia (Hale	Softening of Brain
Feb. 8	Maud F. Littlefield,	23	9	24	Tristram and Mary D.,	Disease of Brain.
" 11	Alvah C. Smith,	72	2	4	Thomas and Mary T.,	Cancer, Per'in'tis.
" 15	Moses Goodwin,	45	6	25	Alpheus and Elizabeth,	Pneumonia.
" 17	Sarah A. H. Bassett,	66	2	25	Edwin Bassett,	Capil'ry, Br'nch'ts
" 20	William F. Alger,				Albert W. and Sarah M.,	Still Born.
" 23	Samuel R. Roby,	44	3		John and Betsey,	Pneumonia.
" 28	Clara A. Cook,	52		8	Chas. & Clara (Goodwin	Cancer. [aeh.
Mar. 16	Levi Towne,	73	10	22	Simeon and Olive,	Caneer of Stom-
" 26	George T. Dole,	75	5		Moses and Sarah,	Acute Bronchitis,
Apr. 7	Windsor B. Wait,	71	11	26		Heart Disease.
" 8	Richard Wilkins,	74	1		Ephriam and Hannah,	Apoplexy.
" 13	William Bryant,	71	6		Zebulon and Keziah,	Heart Disease.
" 17	Hannah P. Flint,	83	6	17	Ebenezer & Mary P.,	Apoplexy.
" 21	Catherine Perry,	56	7		Josiah and Harriet,	Inflamation.
" 26	Jessie Grimshaw,				Jessie,	Still Born.
June 1	Augustus J. Fultz,	44		13	Joseph and	Consumption.
" 16	Louisa Stinchfield,	60	3	9	Stephen and Betsey,	Consumption.
" 28	Ethan A. Sweat,		9	10	Mark and Lydia,	Hooping Cough.
" 28	William Holmes,	61	8	25	Nathan and Zilpha,	Heart Disease.
" 29	Arno H. Parker,	14		14	Edward F. & Anna F.,	Bright's Disease.
" 29	Stewart Braman,		1	16	William B. & Mary C.,	
" 29	S. Willie Carter,	22	11	20	William and Martha, A.	Spinal Meningitis
July 1	John E. Howard,	64	2			Heart Disease.
Aug. 5	Mary L. Hurd,	27	1	16	Stephen and Catherine,	Typhoid Fever.
" 14	Esther Hall Whiting,	79	8		Eliphalet and Esther,	Abdom'l Tumor.
" 24	Octavia F. Parker,			5	Frank and Hannah O.,	Meningitis.
Sept. 6	Sarah E. Dow,	11	8		Stilson and Hannah,	Consumption.
" 8	Ralph Emerson Bezanson,	2	11	18	Wm. H. and Rosa A.,	Diphtheria.
" 19	John N. Sanborn,	75	1	6	Peter and Martha,	Heart Disease.
Oct. 14	H. Octavia Parker,	29	11	2	Frank Parker,	Consumption.
" 30	Mary Brown,	83	6		William and Hannah,	Caneer.
" 30	Nancy Eaton,	88			John and Mary (Clark)	Dropsy, Old Age.
Nov. 4	Alonzo L. Smith,	51	10	17	Isaae Y. and Amanda,	Consumption.
" 17	William E. Reardon,	6	2	27	Timothy and Julia,	Ce'bo Sp'l Men'g's
" 18	Lucinda Smith,	78	8	20	Aaron and Diadama,	Paralysis.
" 24	Charlotte Weston,	83	6			Old Age.
" 25	Susan T. Bruce,	56	2	9	Asgell & Susan (Eames)	Cancer.
Dec. 7	Clara A. Pillsbury,	42		17	Joseph S. & Mary M.,	Consumption.
" 13	Benjamin McAllister,	63			Richard and Hannah,	Drowned.
" 29	Blanche Lona Eames,	3	4		Rufus C. & Almira E.	Diphtheria.

Deaths Registered as above, 45. Males 23; Females 22. Nativity American, Males, 21; Females, 49. Foreign, Males, 2; Females, 3.

THERE WERE BETWEEN 90 AND 100—1.
80 " 90—5.
70 " 80—9.
60 " 70—7.
50 " 60—4.
40 " 50—5.
30 " 40—None.
20 " 30—4.
10 " 20—2.
UNDER 10 —8.

Dogs Licensed.

Whole number of Dogs licensed for the year 1884.....126

Males, 116.

Females, 10.

116 males at $2.00 each.....	$232.00
10 females at 5.00 "	50.00
	$282.00
Fees, for 126 licenses, at 20 cents each.....	25.20
Paid County Treasurer as per receipt.....	$256.80

MIDDLESEX, Dec. 4, 1884.

Wm. J. Wightman, Esq., Clerk of the Town of Reading, has paid into the Treasury of said Middlesex County, two hundred fifty-six and 80–100 dollars, for Dog Licenses for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, as per his account of 1st inst.

AMOS STONE, *County Treasurer.*

WM. J. WIGHTMAN, *Town Clerk.*

OVERSEER'S ACCOUNT.

Almshouse.

INMATES.

Catherine O'Keefe	Age 78 years.
Joanna Wall	85
Caroline E. Wiley	78
Mary Brown, died October 30, 1884	84
Hannah Welch	70
Charlotte Weston, died November 24, 1884	83
Lena Hook	5
Jonathan Pratt	75
Daniel Spokesfield	66
Alpheus Austin	65
James Hunter	41
Thornton D. Sanborn, admitted December 1, 1884	59
Joseph Bancroft " January 22, 1885	65

RECEIVED.

Charles Tweed for board one year to March 1, 1885,	$156	00
George W. Beasley, for board one year to March 1, 1885	156	00
Catherine O'Keefe, for pension	96	00
" " for State aid	48	00
Estate of Charlotte Weston for board and funeral expenses	191	77
George Beasley, labor removing snow	15	00
" " distributing town reports	6	00
" " labor on concrete sidewalks	18	00
" " " " erecting street lights	2	25
Amount carried forward,	$689	02

Amount brought forward,			$689	02
George Beasley, labor on cross-walk, Main St....				90
" " " " side-walk at Eng House.			1	50
" " " " common.....			10	50
" " " " Arlington Street.....			12	75
" " " " Highways.....			64	75
" " for lighting street lamps.....			255	20
" " " wood sold.....			17	00
" " " produce sold.....			50	35
" " " milk sold.....			101	13
" " " board.....			162	91
" " " supplies for 491 tramps.....			147	30
				$1,513 31

EXPENDED.

George Beasely, keeper of Almshouse, salary.....	$450	00
M. A. Stone, groceries.....	158	83
Parker & Stone, "	280	39
G. W. Atkinson, "	305	15
S. Bessey, provisions.....	93	20
D. W. Berry "	90	28
L. G. Richardson "	107	10
H. L Day, crackers.....	73	76
M. Hanley, wall paper, &c.....	20	34
Emily Ruggles, dry goods.....	25	98
Wm. Hawes, fish.....	38	38
Albert Nichols, wood.....	49	16
Pierce & Canterbury, kerosene.....	11	96
Town of Woburn, transportation.....	2	00
Wendell Bancroft, fuel.....	54	70
B. & M. R. R., freight.....		32
Albert J. Bancroft, repairs.....	28	82
Geo. E. Putney, medical attendance.....	3	75
P. McCall, repairing harness.....	3	25
R. C. Totten, blacksmith..		75
Amount carried forward,	$1,798	12

Amount brought forward,	$1,798 12	
G. C. Gleason, undertaker	46 00	
W. H. Bancroft, paint	1 00	
E. B. Eames, ice	9 00	
Wm. M. Titus, plumbing	1 75	
F. F. Brown, medical attendance	55 25	
F. Bartley, clothing	29 40	
Langs Express,	25	
Wm. H. Willis & Son, medicine	9 65	
John A. Blunt, blacksmith	14 75	
Wm. Johnson, headstone for Charlotte Weston	16 00	
Samuel Brown, repairing sleigh	4 00	
C. Tweed, labor	3 33	
Mary F. Riordan, labor in house	130 00	
Keeper of Almshouse, whitewashing	3 50	
wall paper	3 00	
repairing lounge	2 00	
plowing	6 50	
standing grass	12 00	
help in haying	5 75	
filing saw	20	
pigs	8 00	
repairs, paint	10 00	
dry goods	16 40	
medicines	16 40	
boots & shoes	19 95	
sundries	10 50	
		$2,232 70
Total amount expended	$2,232 70	
" " received	1,513 31	
Net expense of poor at Almshouse		$719 39

RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Marcella Wood, rent	$24 00	
Lucy Freeman, supplies	10 00	
Caroline Weichman, fuel $13, rent $84	97 00	
Amount carried forward,	$131 00	

Amount brought forward,	$131 00	
Wm. H. Manning, board	104 00	
Geo. E. Leathe, supplies	96 00	
Louisa R. Parker, "	83 50	
Eliza M. Bancroft, "	84 00	
Bradford Field, "	50 00	
Wm. Best, hospital attendance	5 00	
Mrs. Benj. Weston, fuel $16 00, supplies $11 00.	27 00	
Daniel L. Barnard, " 13 00, " 41 25.	54 25	
Cleveland B. Holt, " 22 63, " 75 94.	98 57	
Mary A. Blanchard, " 27 00, " 25 75.	52 75	
Sarah Judkins, fuel $6 50, medical attendance $66 50	73 00	
John R. Dennett, fuel $6 50, supplies $20 00	26 50	
Geo. H. Deland, supplies	30 17	
John H. Deland, "	40 80	
Henry Freeman, "	15 69	
Mrs. Daniel Sullivan, fuel	11 50	
Geo. Thayer, board	22 86	
Charles Jenkins, supplies, $144 00		
Less State aid received, 144 00		
		$1,006 59

LUNATIC HOSPITALS.

Worcester, Benjamin Weston	$188 37	
" Mary Gowing	175 18	
Northampton, Abagail P. Beers	178 64	
Danvers, Geo. E. Hopkins	111 66	
		$653 85

TRAMPS.

Geo. Beasley, keeper, supplies for 491 tramps	$147 30
Total expense of Poor out of Almshouse	$1,807 74
Net expense of poor at Almshouse	719 39
Total expense of Poor	$2,527 13

Appropriation for support of Poor		$3,000 00
Amount expended	$2,527 13	
" unexpended	472 87	
		$3,000 00

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

Lawrence, Delia Duncan	$ 4 00	
Lynnfield, Edwin L. Hewes	40 07	
Boston, Luella R. Lloyd	67 50	
Sherburne, Charles H. Leland	6 00	
Wakefield, James Hennessey	3 00	
State, Wm. Bryden	8 25	
" Mary Meuse	25 30	
		$154 12

RECEIVED FROM CITIES AND TOWNS.

Wakefield, Martin Donohoe	8 75	
Boston Luella R. Lloyd	72 88	
Cambridge, Lawrence Gilbert	53 00	
Malden, Sarah L. Penney	9 25	
" James Kelligher	66 25	
Lynnfield, Edwin L. Hewes	135 72	
Sherburne, C. H. Leland	3 00	
		$348 85

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

Furniture, crockery, tinware, etc	$345 65
Stoves and apparatus	110 00
Provisions	162 30
Beds and bedding	333 80
Horse	75 00
2 cows	90 00
Young stock	30 00
2 swine	10 00
30 fowls	22 50
Light wagon	65 00
Farm wagon	50 00
Amount carried forward,	$1,294 25

Amount brought forward,	$1,294 25	
Stone wagon	15 00	
2 carts	75 00	
Horse sled	15 00	
Sleigh	10 00	
Mowing machine	18 00	
Snow plough	5 00	
Hay	100 00	
Grain	4 60	
Manure	75 00	
Wood and coal	57 00	
Lumber and fencing	4 50	
Harnesses	115 00	
Farming tools	122 00	
		$1,910 35

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ASSESSORS' REPORT.

VALUATION OF ESTATES, REAL AND PERSONAL, TAXED IN THIS TOWN, MAY 1, 1885.

Real Estate,	$2,151,210 00	
Personal Estate,	219,558 00	
Total valuation,		$2,370,768 00
Whole number of polls, 893, $2 00		1,786 00
Amount of town appropriations	$36,804 00	
" " State tax,	2,740 00	
" " County tax,	1,260 40	
	$40,804 40	
Total amount assessed including overlay,		$41,139 51
Rate of taxation, $16 60 per $1000 00		
Total number of polls,		893
" " " horses,		315
" " " cows,		303
" " " oxen,		2
" " " dwelling houses,		707
" " " acres of land,		5735
Total value of real estate in 1883,	$2,155,316 00	
" " " " " " 1884,	2,151,210 00	
Decrease in 1884,		$4,106 00
Total value of personal estate in 1883,	$233,567 00	
" " " " " " 1884,	219,558 00	
Decrease in 1884,		$14,009 00

Respectfully submitted,

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SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation		$800 00
Wilbur C. Parker, lighting	$58 27	
Wm. B. Berry & Co., gasoline	91 86	
Pierce & Canterbury, kerosene	22 18	
Citizens Gas Light Co., gas	200 53	
L. Descalzo & Co., repairs to gas posts	17 76	
Wm. H. Bancroft, setting glass in lanterns	5 73	
F. O. Dewey & Son, wicks	65	
Geo. W. Atkinson, pung for lighter	15 00	
Geo. F. Cook, setting glass in lanterns	50	
Wm. M. Titus, repairing lanterns and oil can	2 35	
M. E. Nichols, setting glass in lanterns	24	
M. A. Stone, glass and putty	40	
Timothy Riordon, labor	1 75	
Parker & Stone, oil can	1 25	
Lang's Express	5 20	
R. C. Totten, labor	85	
Cummings' Express	10 07	
C. A. Weston, ladder	2 00	
George Beasley, lighting	255 20	
		$691 79
Unexpended		108 21
		$800 00

PRINTING.

Appropriation		$250 00
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing town reports	$134 50	
Pratt Bros., printing for Assessors	1 25	
Amount carried forward,	$135 75	

Amount brought forward,	$135 75	
W. H. Twombly " " Town Clerk	1 50	
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing voting lists	15 00	
" " " tax bills	6 75	
" " " for Selectmen	5 50	
" " " Overseers of Poor	3 75	
W. H. Twombly, printing for Selectmen	5 25	
" " " Registrars	14 12	
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing for Board of Health	2 00	
		$189 62
Unexpended		60 38
		$250 00

ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAW.

Appropriation		$500 00
Unexpended	500 00	

STATE AID.

Appropriation		$1,500 00
Dorcas Berry	$48 00	
Mary A. Blanchard	48 00	
George W. Carleton	8 00	
Henry Deadman	4 00	
Elizabeth W. DeRonde	48 00	
Sarah Hettler	48 00	
Eliza A. Hobbs	48 00	
Charles B. Leathe	72 00	
Clara A. Leathe	48 00	
Lambertus W. Krook	28 00	
Benjamin McAlister	54 00	
Mary A. McAlister	12 00	
Sarah Nichols	12 00	
Catherine O'Keefe	48 00	
Amount carried forward,	$526 00	

Amount brought forward,	$526 00	
Charlotte Richardson	48 00	
Harriet C. Robinson	48 00	
Henry F. Scruton	72 00	
Eliza Stevens	8 00	
Marcella Wood	48 00	
William R. Nichols	48 00	
Margaret Pinkham	12 00	
Seth Bessey	8 00	
To be reimbursed by the Commonwealth.		$818 00
Noble Bunker	12 00	
Thomas A. Evans	6 00	
John M. Houseman	48 00	
Charles Jenkins	144 00	
One half to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth.		$210 00
Unexpended		472 00
		$1500 00

ERECTING STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation		$125 00
Patrick Bassett, labor	$2 62	
Hiram Litchfield "	3 00	
George W. Beasley "	2 25	
Wendell Bancroft, lamp posts	13 20	
F. O. Dewey & Sons, lanterns	75 00	
		$96 07
Unexpended		28 93
		$125 00

TOWN OFFICE.

Appropriation		$100 00
Doane & Greenough, stationery	3 80	
H. A. Hartley & Co., mat	5 00	
Amount carried forward,	$8 80	

Amount brought forward,	$8 80	
Citizens Gas Light Co.	25 47	
L. M. Bancroft, postage stamps	4 00	
Wendell Bancroft, coal & labor	5 26	
Fred W. Barrey, stationery	10 15	
M. E. Nichols, painting vault	2 41	
R. D. Temple, postage stamps	2 00	
Henry Stock, janitor	7 20	
Lang's Express	90	
George Beasley, wood	5 00	
		$71 19
Unexpended		28 81
		$100 00

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation		$2,000 00
Edward Appleton, Auditor	20 00	
James A. Bancroft, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	300 00	
Lewis W. Erskine, Constable	8 50	
Edwin Bassett, Constable	17 00	
Lewis M. Bancroft, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	350 00	
Stillman E. Parker, School Committee	50 00	
Chas. H. Nowell, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	300 00	
Walter Rayner, Registrar	30 00	
F. W. B. Pratt, Auditor	10 00	
Wm. M. Titus, Registrar	33 33	
Edward F. Parker, Treasurer	195 83	
Edward F. Parker, School Committee	50 00	
Henry G. Kittridge " "	50 00	
James A. Bancroft " "	50 00	
Carroll D. Wright " "	25 00	
Amount carried forward,	$1,489 66	

Amount brought forward,	$1,489 66	
Solon Bancroft, Moderator	10 00	
Henry Robinson, Registrar	33 33	
H. G. Wadlin, School Committee	65 00	
R. D. Temple, Collector 1883	50 00	
R. D. Temple, " 1884	200 00	
Wm. J. Wightman, Town Clerk	50 00	
Wm. J. Wightman, Registrar	40 00	
		$1,937 99
Unexpended		62 01
		$2,000 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Appropriation		$300 00
Luke Bemis	$33 20	
Maria P. Howard	16 60	
Samuel Horne & Co.	3 32	
Annie B. Parker	7 47	
Sarah H. E. Smith	83	
Cyrus S. Lombard, overtaxation in 1882	9 37	
J. N. Sanborn Estate	21 58	
T. T. Greenwood Estate	16 50	
R. Dexter Temple, Collector, list of 1882, pers'l,	106 78	
" " " " 1882, real...	51 11	
" " " " 1883, pers'l,	14 00	
" " " " 1883, real...	7 62	
		$288 38
Unexpended		11 62
		$300 00

INTEREST.

Appropriation	$1,900 00
Premium on note	5 00
Received of N. E. Trust Co., interest on deposit	18 44
" " Blackstone Nat'l Bank, " "	99 26
	$2,022 70

Warren Institution for Savings	366 90		
Theron Johnson's Estate	220 00		
Chrisje Ridder	32 00		
State Treasurer	300 00		
Institution for Savings, Newburyport	940 00		
Miss Mary Stimpson	60 00		
Mrs. Mary Stimpson	20 00		
Prissie A. Leathe	26 62		
Jules R. Allen	5 18		
H. E. Cox	91		
C. H. Nowell	10 00		
Albert Nichols	1 62		
Charlotte Weston's Estate	26 77		
G. C. Gleason, interest on trust funds for care of cemetery lots	9 00		
		$2,019	00
Unexpended		3	70
		$2,022	70

SOLDIER'S GRAVES.

Appropriation		$150	00
Harley Prentiss, Quartermaster	$150 00		

OLD SOUTH CLOCK.

Appropriation		$50	00
Old South Society	$50 00		

CONCRETE AT NEW ENGINE HOUSE.

Appropriation		$150	00
Thomas R. Newhall, edgestones and posts	$50 10		
D. Doucette, setting edgestones	10 05		
James Sullivan, labor	75		
Wm. M. Titus, rings for posts	60		
George Beasley, labor	1 50		
		$ 63	00
Unexpended		87	00
		$150	00

NEW HOSE.

Appropriation		$900 00
Wm. H. Turner & Co	$800 00	
Unexpended	100 00	
		$900 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation		$3,000 00
Received of different persons		25 75
		$3,025 75
Luke McKeney, for labor	$49 57	
O. N. Jones, "	99 02	
Wm. L. Jones "	623 25	
Joseph Breck & Son, tools	15 88	
Wm. B. Phipps	66 62	
Jeremiah Doucette "	20 12	
Hiram Litchfield "	125 49	
Michael Hurll "	54 63	
Arthur Gildart "	35 24	
Chas. P. Skinner "	3 37	
J. H. Siddle "	32 63	
Wm. E. Moulton "	70 60	
Timothy Rierdon "	118 41	
Fred B. Smith "	71 12	
Louis Verne "	16 13	
H. F. Barker "	37 00	
Wm. Frost "	32 87	
Alton W. Emerson "	79 12	
E. W. Gowing "	3 75	
John N. Weston "	40 38	
J. Allen Eames "	40 63	
David L. Brown "	5 63	
Edward E. Nichols "	70 50	
Amount carried forward,	$1,711 96	

Amount brought forward,		$1,711 96
Albert Green	"	40 75
Michael Forbes	"	46 00
Damon Jenkins	"	137 66
Luther E. Nichols	"	4 50
Charles Green	"	66 50
Martin Donohoe	"	4 50
Willard B. Nichols	"	17 25
Geo. W. Batchelder, gravel		13 05
Lewis Norris, labor		15 00
D. P. Babb	"	32 64
Fred Tuson	"	103 09
J. Dexter Jones	"	63 60
Edward B. Eames	"	31 75
James E. Wilkins	"	63 25
Oriental Powder Mills, powder		3 55
T. R. Newell, bound stones		1 60
Martin Forbes, labor		34 67
Milton D. Parker, gravel		65 62
Webster Eames, labor		2 00
Wendell Bancroft, material		10 11
L. W. Newhall, gravel		12 06
B. & M. Railroad, freight and material		5 64
Fiske & Coleman, drain pipe		71 82
Daniel Sullivan, labor		15 18
Geo. R. Turner, gravel		3 55
A. J. Bancroft, labor and material		5 44
R. B. Nichols, labor		4 50
Montclair Barbrick, labor		4 50
Emerson Smith	"	146 85
C. A. Weston	"	31 50
Daniel Putnam, gravel		6 24
Wm. G. Nichols' heirs, gravel		28 50
Dominique Doucette, labor		1 00
Willard A. Bancroft	"	18 00
James S. Bond, gravel		3 96
Amount carried forward,		$2,827 79

Amount brought forward,		$2,827 79
R. M. Boyce, labor		26 25
James M. Eames "		6 00
Walter A. Emerson "		20 25
Wm. G. Bryant, gravel		7 10
Town of N. Reading, labor on bridge		2 08
Geo. W. Atkinson, gravel		9 24
Parker Stone, material		3 00
H. S. Laclair, "		2 68
J. A. Blunt, labor		1 83
Geo. A. Jones "		27 50
Oscar Foote, gravel		6 42
George Beasley, labor		46 16
T. F. Gould "		26 47
Edwin Manning, gravel		10 98
H. E. Nichols, labor		2 00
		$3,025 75

IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON.

Appropriation		$500 00
Michael Forbes, labor	$1 00	
Michael Forbes, soil	87 00	
Dominique Doucette, edgestone	180 93	
Albert J Bancroft, labor on band stand	2 97	
Jacob W. Manning, trees and setting	5 80	
F. O. Dewey & Sons, lanterns for band stand	12 30	
R. C. Totten, iron work for band stand	6 50	
Wm. L. Jones, labor	31 75	
O. N. Jones, labor	12 25	
Walter B. Ellis, concrete gutter	31 72	
Wm. E. Moulton, labor	1 00	
J. Dexter Jones, labor	6 75	
Wm. L. Jones, manure	8 00	
James Sullivan, labor	13 50	
J. M. Bancroft, gravel	1 26	
Amount carried forward,	$402 73	

Amount brought forward,	$402 73	
Parker & Stone, grass seed and phosphate	1 40	
Geo. Thayer, labor	9 00	
George Beasley, labor	10 50	
Wendell Bancroft, lumber and labor	2 86	
		$426 49
Unexpended		73 51
		$500 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation		$2,436 00
Hook and Land house sold		17 00
		$2,453 00
Milton D. Parker, drawing engine to fires	$4 00	
H. D. Babb, drawing hook and ladder to fires	12 25	
Geo. E. Stevens, services as fireman to May 1 1884	12 00	
H. A. Trull, services as engineer of steamer	120 00	
Chas. H. Stinchfield, services as fireman of steamer	42 25	
Members of department to May 1 1884	1,141 99	
Wendell Bancroft, services as engineer	17 00	
Wendell Bancroft, drawing engines to fires	6 50	
Wm. L. Crowe, services as engineer	12 00	
Wm. L. Crowe, care of cisterns	17 25	
Geo. H. Parker, services as engineer	25 00	
John A. Blunt, services as steward of Eagle Engine	40 00	
Citizens Gas Light Co	32 28	
A. S. Richardson, services as steward of Hancock Engine	48 00	
J. H. Siddle, services as steward of hook and ladder	1 25	
A. C. McIntire, " " " " " " "	3 75	
Wm. E. Moulton, drawing engine to fires	82 50	
Wm. A. Martin, chain	2 16	
N. W. Broad, repairing fence	4 22	
John De Ronde, labor on hose	8 75	
Amount carried forward,	$1,633 15	

Amount brought forward,	$1,633 15
E. B. Eames, drawing steamer to fires	5 00
W. H. Turner & Co., repairing couplings	5 00
F. O. Dewey & Sons, lanterns and globes	15 89
James B. Blaikie, repairs	5 58
J. H. Stone, watching fire at Mannings Mill	2 00
W. H. Twombly, advertising	1 25
Holland & Daniels, curtains	14 56
Hosemen on steamer	202 25
R. C. Totten, repairs on hose carriage and fire hook	22 72
Parker & Stone, sundries	25 29
A. S. Jackson, repairing hose	43 57
Wendell Bancroft, coal	74 75
P. S. Killam, labor on hose	11 25
R. Dexter Temple, auctioneer selling H & L house	2 00
A. S. Richardson, repairs on Eagle Engine	16 00
M. A. Stone, step ladder	2 00
Wakefield Rattan Co, strainer baskets	4 00
Frank G. Nichols, hoseman Hancock Engine	6 12
Charles A. Loring, " " "	2 00
Owen McKenney, " " "	4 86
David W. Pratt, " " "	3 36
C. Fred Myers, " " "	6 12
Daniel Lahan, " " "	6 12
Charles W. Kelly, " " "	3 12
Harrison H. Parker, watching fire at Manning's Mill	2 00
John H. Coffin, blankets	15 00
James Forest, drawing engines to fires	13 00
P. McCall, straps &c.	13 70
Wm. H. Bancroft, services as steward of Hancock Engine	24 00
A. S. Richardson, pump and pipe	50 27
Samuel Brown, drawing H & L to fires	13 10
Henry Stock, care of boiler	28 80
Howard Metallic Brush Co., waste	2 21
John De Ronde, services as fireman	7 83
Amount carried forward,	$2,287 87

Amount brought forward,	$2,287 87	
Geo. H. Johnson, " " "	5 83	
Wm. H. Bancroft, setting glass	2 53	
E. C. Nichols, services as engineer to May 1 1884	12 00	
" " " committee on steamer and hose	13 25	
Wm. W. Stephens, services as fireman	7 92	
Owen McKenney, " " "	7 08	
Geo. A. Stanley, " " "	5 83	
John Fluke, watching fire at Kenney's shop	1 20	
H. A. Trull, extra labor on steamer	3 00	
A. H. Carter, " " " "	3 50	
A. J. Bancroft, labor and material	4 75	
Parker & Stone, supplies	15 08	
A. J. Varney, wood for steamer	1 00	
Langs Express	3 85	
Joseph Stokes, labor	3 00	
Wm. La Clair, removing snow from cisterns	1 00	
Wm. L. Crowe, watching fires	4 50	
Wendell Bancroft, material and labor	43 24	
D. P. Babb, drawing H & L to fires	3 00	
John A. Blunt, repairs on engines	1 50	
Cummings Express	2 80	
A. S. Richardson, repairing Hancock Engine	15 00	
		$2,448 73
Unexpended		4 27
		$2,453 00

POLICE.

Appropriation		$300 09
Lewis W. Erskine, services	33 17	
Edwin Bassett, "	12 50	
J. P. Lovell & Sons, billies and handcuffs	20 25	
C. S. Coney, services	10 25	
Geo. E. Davis, "	26 25	
Amount carried forward,	$102 42	

Amount brought forward,	$102 42	
Henry Stock, "	2 50	
Edward B. Eames, services	5 00	
Edward F. Parker, truant officer	5 00	
		$114 92
Unexpended		185 08
		$300 00

NIGHT WATCHMAN.

Appropriation		$750 00
Lewis W. Erskine, services	$88 00	
Henry Stock, "	480 00	
		$568 00
Unexpended		182 00
		$750 00

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation		$500 00
Reading Co-operative Association		37 84
Lyceum Hall Association		40 11
Stephen Foster		39 02
Geo. W. Atkinson		19 84
Edw. F. Parker		16 91
L. G. Richardson		33 72
Wendell Bancroft		7 85
Mrs. A. S. Nichols		39 41
		$734 70
Timothy Riordan, labor	$4 81	
Hiram Litchfield, "	14 62	
Fred Tuzon, "	3 50	
Luke McKenney "	2 25	
Wm. L. Jones, "	30 25	
Damon Jenkins, "	4 38	
Dominique Doucette, setting edge stones	63 38	
Amount carried forward,	$123 19	

Amount brought forward,	$123 19	
Emerson Smith, labor	4 81	
T. R. Newhall, edge stones	219 40	
O. N. Jones, labor	1 75	
W. B. Ellis, concrete	272 54	
J. M. Bancroft, gravel	1 62	
L. M. Bancroft, labor	7 12	
G. W. Atkinson, edgestones, concrete and gravel	62 28	
A. J. Varney, concrete	10 03	
Samuel Brown, "	9 98	
Wendell Bancroft, drain pipe	3 25	
George Beasley, labor	18 00	
		$733 97
Unexpended		73
		$734 70
Due from James Stephenson		34 82

ARLINGTON STREET.

Appropriation		$100 00
Thomas R. Newhall, bound stones	$1 60	
Michael Forbes, labor	49 00	
James Sullivan, labor	4 50	
John M. Bancroft, gravel	1 20	
George Beasley, labor	12 75	
		69 05
Unexpended		30 95
		$100 00

GREEN AND EATON STREETS.

Appropriation		$730 00
Thomas R. Newhall, bound stones	$2 00	
William L. Jones, labor	275 00	
William Eaton, land damage	200 00	
Charles H. Hill " "	25 00	
Amount carried forward,	$502 00	

Amount brought forward,	$502 00	
Bridget McKenney "	30 00	
Richard Robinson "	175 00	
Emerson Smith, labor	50	
		$707 50
Unexpended		22 50
		$730 00

CROSS WALK, MAIN STREET.

Appropriation		$75 00
Timothy Riordan	51	
Wm. L. Jones	6 75	
Walter B. Ellis	58 99	
Geo. W. Atkinson	60	
George Beasley	90	
		$67 75
Unexpended		7 25
		$75 00

STEAM HEATER FOR ENGINE HOUSE.

Appropriation		$700 00
L. Descalzo & Co., boiler and apparatus	$575 00	
Wm. H. Lowe, grate	4 00	
L. Descalzo & Co., heater for steamer	28 33	
W. Bancroft, labor and material	12 24	
Cummings' Express	4 25	
		$623 82
Unexpended		76 18
		$700 00

CLAIM OF WILLIAM PORTER.

Appropriation		$510 00
William Porter, damage	$500 00	
F. F. Brown, M. D., examination	5 00	
J. O. Dow, M. D. "	5 00	
		$510 00

CLAIM OF GILMAN D. KINGMAN.

Appropriation		$243 92
Gilman D. Kingman, damage to land	$200 00	
Court expenses	28 92	
Solon Bancroft, counsel	15 00	
		$243 92

CEMETERY.

Appropriation		$200 00
Solon Bancroft, on account of Trustees	$100 00	
J. W. Manning, for trees	3 00	
		$103 00
Unexpended		97 00
		$200 00

ARCHING WELL, WEST STREET.

Appropriation	$200 00
Paid Wendell Bancroft	$200 00

RESERVOIRS.

Appropriation		$2,000 00
Wendell Bancroft, labor and material	1348 36	
Michael Forbes, labor	192 47	
Unexpended	459 17	
		$2,000 00

ARCHING WELL, GREEN STREET.

Appropriation	$123 31
Paid Wendell Bancroft	$123 31

TOWN DEBT.

Appropriation	$2,370 00
New loan	8,000 00
Temporary loans	7,400 00
	$17,770 00

Note paid Theron Johnson's estate	8000 00	
Jules R. Allen	100 00	
Prissie A. Leathe	500 00	
Chrisje Ridder	50 00	
Charlotte Weston's estate	165 00	
Temporary loans	7400 00	
Deposit to pay debt when due	1555 00	
		$17,770 00

CROSS WALK, LINCOLN STREET.

Appropriation		$50 00
Walter B. Ellis, concrete	$36 02	
Unexpended	13 98	
		$50 00

REMOVING SNOW

Appropriation		$400 00
Milton D. Parker, labor	$1 00	
Wm. L. Jones "	133 70	
Willard A. Bancroft "	18 60	
Wm. E. Moulton "	57 50	
Henry Gorus "	8 40	
Luke McKenney "	5 00	
O. N. Jones "	9 13	
Hiram Litchfield "	75	
Webster Eames "	3 75	
D. P. Babb "	21 15	
Wendell Bancroft " and snow plow	17 35	
J. D. Jones "	4 26	
R. B. Nichols "	20 37	
John Miller "	3 00	
Jonathan Moulton "	2 70	
Wm. Farnham "	75	
Geo. W. Batchelder "	1 35	
Amount carried forward,	$308 76	

Amount brought forward,	$308 76	
Edward E. Nichols "	30 62	
Geo. H. Litchfield "	1 50	
Luther E. Nichols "	3 00	
R. M. Boyce "	10 00	
T. F. Gould, repairing snow plows	8 00	
George Beasley, labor	15 00	
Edward B. Eames, snow plow	5 00	
		$381 88
Unexpended		18 12
		$400 00

SUMMER AVENUE.

Appropriation		$1,200 00
James E. Wilkins, labor	$10 50	
T. R. Newhall, bound stones	14 80	
Michael Forbes, building road and moving walls	1124 31	
Dominique Doucette, moving walls	277 87	
W. T. Temple, moving fences	10 05	
James A. Bancroft, leveling	10 50	
Oliver Lewis, land damage	50 00	
E. G. & A. E. Prescott, land damage	150 00	
Luther Hutchins, land damage	75 00	
S. E. Parker, labor	14 52	
Geo. W. Batchelder, gravel	6 19	
Patrick Barrett, labor	5 25	
Wm. E. Moulton "	118 75	
Emerson Smith "	37	
A. Perkins, land damage	100 00	
Wendell Bancroft, moving fences	40 11	
		$2,008 22
Overdrawn		808 22
Due from county		$1,000 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Appropriation		$350 00
R. Dexter Temple, Auctioneer's license		2 00
Warren & Bezanson, skating rink "		2 00
James Dewhurst, license for billiard table		2 00
Ira W. Ruggles " " " "		2 00
Lockup fees		1 50
		$359 50
Everett Parker, posting notices	1 80	
M. A. Stone, snow shovel	45	
Peter B. Teede, oiling trees	3 50	
Lyceum Hall Association, use of hall	48 00	
Wm. M. Titus, stove for lockup	10 29	
Everett Parker	2 75	
Wendell Bancroft, services as committee on steamer	5 00	
Horace Blanchard	50	
D. P. Babb	50	
S. E. Parker, taking census of school children	12 00	
Thomas Groom & Co., collectors' book	1 50	
Swift & Sullivan	20 00	
Geo. B. Lothrop & Co., keys	2 40	
A. S. Richardson, repairs of pumps	3 75	
G. Greenleaf & Co., screen for lockup window	12 17	
Thomas Jeffrey, repairing table	2 50	
Dominique Doucette, labor on lockup window	1 25	
Clarence J. Nichols, witness fees	1 20	
A. S. Richardson, pump on Walnut street	7 25	
Commonwealth of Mass., book for registrars	1 80	
N. W. Broad, labor at town office	12 51	
L. Descalzo & Co., drop light	9 78	
Shepard, Norwell & Co., blankets for lockup	6 00	
W. M. Titus, repairs and zinc for stove	3 02	
Geo. W. Dean, ringing bell for town meetings and Fourth of July	8 50	
Amount carried forward,	$178 42	

Amount brought forward,	$178 42	
Gilman C. Gleason, reporting deaths	13 10	
F. F. Brown, reporting births	7 25	
Wm. W. Davis, surveying	3 00	
J. Cullinane, witness fees	1 20	
J. O. Dow, reporting births	1 50	
Henry A. Brown, reporting births	4 75	
W. Bancroft, platform for well	4 62	
W. Bancroft, board for check list	75	
H. G. Wadlin, expense on water committee, 1883.	2 00	
Cummings' express	2 45	
Geo. Beasley, distributing town reports	6 00	
E. F. Parker, expenses as treasurer	5 27	
Wm. G. Wightman, recording births and marriages	37 60	
making official records	15 00	
stationery, stamps and dog licenses	6 00	
issuing certificate to representative	2 00	
		$290 91
Unexpended		68 59
		$359 50

Table of Appropriation and Expenditures for 1884.

Object of Appropriation.	Sundries	Amount.	Exp'd.	Balance	Over drawn.
Street Lights,		$800 00	691 79	108 21	
Salaries of Town Officers,		2000 00	1937 99	62 01	
Abatement of Taxes,		300 00	288 38	11 62	
Cemetery,		200 00	103 00	97 00	
Old South Clock,		50 00	50 00		
Soldiers Graves,		150 00	150 00		
Public Library, Appropriation,	$600				
Dog Tax,	249 10				
		849 10	849 10		
Town Office,		100 00	71 19	28 81	
Printing,		250 00	189 62	60 38	
Military Aid,		1500 00	1028 00	472 00	
Enforcement of Liquor Law,		500 00		500 00	
Improvement of Common,		500 00	426 49	73 51	
Highways, Appropriation,	3000 00				
Sale of Scrapings,	25 75				
		3025 75	3025 75		
Removing Snow,		400 00	381 88	18 12	
Fire Department. Appropriation,	2436 00				
Sale of H. & L. House,	17 00				
		2453 00	2448 73	4 27	
Police,		300 00	114 92	185 08	
Concrete Sidewalks. Appropriation,	500 00				
Received for Concrete,	234 70				
		734 70	733 97	73	
Interest, Appropriation,	1900 00				
Received on Deposits,	122 70				
		2022 70	2019 00	3 70	
Arching Well, West Street,		200 00	200 00		
Erecting Street Lights,		125 00	96 07	28 93	
Steam Heat'g Apparatus at Eng. House,		700 00	623 82	76 18	
New Fire Hose,		900 00	800 00	100 00	
Reservoirs,		2000 00	1540 83	459 17	
Concrete at Engine House,		150 00	63 00	87 00	
Summer Avenue,		1200 00	2008 22		808 22
Due from County, $1000.00					
Cross Walk, Main Street,		75 00	67 75	7 25	
Arlington Street,		100 00	69 05	30 95	
Green and Eaton Streets,		730 00	707 50	22 50	
Night Watchman,		750 00	568 00	182 00	
Schools, Appropriation,	8100 00				
Drawn from School Fund,	17 52				
		8117 52	8117 52		
Schools, Incidentals, Apr. 7 Approp'n,	1300 00				
Dec. 1 "	800 00				
Rec'd for Tuition and Books Sold,	177 76				
Drawn from School Fund,	34 83	2312 59	2312 59		
Arching Well, Green Street,		123 31	123 31		
Miscellaneous, Appropriation,	350 00				
Rec'd for Licenses, &c.,	9 50				
		359 50	290 91	68 59	
Claim of William Porter,		510 00	510 00		
Claim of Gilman D. Kingman,		243 92	243 92		
Cross Walk Lincoln Street,		50 00	36 02	13 98	
Town Debt, Appropriation,	2370 00				
New Loans,	8000 00				
Temporary Loans,	7400 00	17,770 00	16,215 00	1555 00	
Support of Poor, Appropriation.	3000 00				
Labor Produce and Board,	1513 31	4513 31	4040 44	472 87	
Support of poor of other Cities and towns rec'd from cities & towns,		340 85	298 12	42 73	
		$57,406 25	$53,441 88	$4,772 59	$808 22

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen present, herewith, their report of the disbursements in the several departments during the last year.

A careful consideration of the details will give a comprehensive idea of the manner the money appropriated has been spent.

The expenses have been kept within the appropriations.

In the Almshouse account, the increased amount of produce sold, and the large amount of work done by the keeper, outside of the Almshouse, has decreased the net cost of the poor at the Almshouse considerably.

The widening and straightening of Summer Avenue is not quite finished and we have asked for an extension of time in which to finish the work. We think after receiving the award from the County, the Avenue will be completed within the amount appropriated.

In our report of last year, we referred to the bridge over the Railroad at Mineral Street as having been open for travel. This bridge needs to have the approaches graded to make it safe and comfortable and we shall ask for a small appropriation for that purpose.

Owing to the construction of a reservoir at the Engine House, the ground was left in such a loose condition, that it was not considered advisable to concrete over it. We would recommend that the balance of the appropriation, for a concrete sidewalk at that place, be carried over to next year.

The following list of appropriations we presented for your consideration :—

For support of poor	$3000 00
Salaries of town officers	2000 00
Military aid	1400 00
Street lights	850 00
Printing and stationery	250 00
Abatement of taxes	300 00

Town Office	100 00
Miscellaneous	350 00
Highways and bridges	3000 00
Removing snow	400 00

LEWIS M. BANCROFT,
JAMES A. BANCROFT,
CHARLES H. NOWELL,
} Selectmen of Reading.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

In Account with the Town of Reading.

DR.

To uncollected taxes of 1882	$2,258	82
" " 1883	7,890	76
" interest from " 1882	175	52
" " " " 1883	181	28
" committed tax list of 1884	41,109	33
" additional assessments 1884	30	18
" interest from taxes of 1884	80	57
	$51,726	46

CR.

By cash paid E. F. Parker, Treas. on 1882 taxes	$2,077	44
" " " " 1883 "	5,473	76
" " " " 1884 "	29,447	73
" " " interest on 1882 "	175	52
" " " " 1883 "	181	28
" " " " 1884 "	80	57
" " Amos Stone, County Treasurer	1,260	40
" balance uncollected on 1882	181	38
" " " 1883	2,417	00
" " " 1884	10,431	38
	$51,726	46

R. DEXTER TEMPLE, *Collector.*

Reading, March 21, 1885.

Dr. Edward F. Parker, Treasurer, in

To balance in Treasury, March 1, 1884	$2,109 69
hired money replacement of loan	8,000 00
" " in Anticipation of Taxes	7,400 00
New England Trust Co., interest on deposits	18 44
Blackstone Bank " " "	99 26
premium on note	5 00
town of Wakefield, for supplies for Martin Donohoe	8 75
" " Lynnfield, " " H. L. Hewes	135 72
" " Shebron, " " C. H. Leland	3 00
city of Malden, supplies for James Killgher and Sarah L. Penney	75 50
city of Cambridge, supplies for Lawrence Gilbert	53 00
" " Boston, " " Luella R. Lloyd	72 88
John S. Pike, executor of will of Martha Pike cemetery bequest	25 00
Fred. Bancroft, " " " " Sarah Batchelder " "	25 00
highway surveyor scrapings sold	25 75
night watchman, lockup fees	1 50
Wm. J. Wightman, return premium on insurance	120 00
Seth Bessey, for old Hook and Ladder House	17 00
James Dawhurst, license for billiard table	2 00
Ira W. Raggles, " " " "	2 00
R. Dexter Temple, " " auctioneer	2 00
Warren & Besanson " " skating rink	2 00
County Treasurer for dog tax	249 10
School Committee, books sold	20 76
" " tuition of non residence	37 00
Overseers of the Poor, pension of Catharine O'Keefe	96 00
" " " " principle and interest of the loan of Charlotte Weston	191 77
State Treasurer, corporation tax	1,415 42
" " national bank tax	548 38
" " state aid	995 42
" " relief of indigent sailors and soldiers	148 00
" " support of state poor	19 75
" " tempory support of state poor	16 00
Overseers of the poor state aid of Catherine O'Keefe	48 00
" " " " military aid of Charles Jenkins	144 00
" " " " Almshouse account	626 39
Selectmen concrete account	234 70
drawn from Mass. school fund	52 35
R. Dexter Temple, collector list of 1882	2,252 96
" " " " " 1883	5,655 04
" " " " " 1884	29,528 30
	$60,482 83

ACCOUNT OF

Balance, March, 1884	$106 72
Received of State Treasurer	186 48
	$293 20

READING, March 1, 1885.

account with the Town of Reading, Cr.

By paying State tax	$2,740 00
" Selectmen's orders	52,909 32
Cash in treasury	4,833 51
	$60,482 83

SCHOOL FUND.

Expended for books and apparatus	$34 83
" " tuition	17 52
Amount unexpended	240 85
	$293 20

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1885.

LIABILITIES.

Town notes, March 1st, 1884	$44,565 00	
Town notes, March 1st, 1885		$43,750 00
Decrease for the year	$815 00	
Interest accrued on town notes	$463 32	
Due Fire Department, estimated	800 00	
Miscellaneous debts, "	200 00	
		$1,463 32

TRUST FUNDS.

Bequest of Nancy Wakefield	$100 00	
" Thomas Sweetser	100 00	
" Sabrina Nichols	100 00	
" Martha Pike	25 00	
" Sarah Batchelder	25 00	
		$350 00
		$45,563 32

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Unpaid taxes of 1882	$181 38
" " 1883	2,417 00
" " 1884	10,431 38
Interest accrued on unpaid taxes	490 10
Due from Commonwealth of Mass	33 55
" " city of Boston	67 50
" " " Lawrence	4 00
Amount carried forward,	$13,624 91

Amount brought forward,	$13,624 91	
Due from town of Lynnfield	40 07	
" " " Stoneham	22 26	
" " " Wakefield	3 00	
" " " Sherborn	3 00	
" " State Aid account	818 00	
" " State Military Aid	105 00	
Unexpended balance of School Fund	240 85	
Cash in treasury	4,833 51	
		$19,690 60

COMPARATIVE.

Net debt March 1st, 1884	$31,939 69
Net debt March 1st, 1885	25,872 72

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town farm and buildings	$4,600 00	
Personal property at town farm	1,910 35	
		$6,510 35
Cemetery land (2 acres, also 125 lots)	$3,000 00	
Hearse	100 00	
House	50 00	
		3,150 00
Steamer and hose carriage	$3,900 00	
Harnesses	250 00	
Eagle engine and hose carriage	450 00	
Eagle engine house	100 00	
Hancock engine and hose carriage	450 00	
Hancock engine house	1,200 00	
Hooks and ladders, carriage &c	300 00	
Hose and furniture	2,400 00	
		9,050 00

Also, for use of fire department, 27 cisterns and wells.

School-houses and land	$26,000 00	
Furniture and school books	2,600 00	
Amount carried forward,	$28,600 00	

Amount brought forward,	$28,600 00	
Piano and apparatus in High School.....	500 00	
Public Library, books and furniture.....	3,500 00	
Engine house and town offices and lot.....	9,000 00	
Land in rear of town office.....	1,500 00	
Property in town offices.....	300 00	
		43,400 00
Total.....		$62,110 35

The accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and Collector have been examined and found correct. The balance of cash on hand, $4,833.-51, as stated by your Treasurer, is correct.

The first note of the town coming due, is for $6,000 payable, July 27th, 1887. The appropriation at the last Annual Meeting for the reduction of the town debt, was one dollar per thousand of the valuation of the town, amounting to $2,370.00. From this $815.00 of debt has been paid, leaving a balance unexpended of $1,555.00 applicable to this purpose as soon as it can be used. With an appropriaton this year and next of the same amount each year as that of last year, the town will be prepared to pay the note coming due in 1887. This note bears 5 per cent. interest. All the other notes are at 4 per cent.

Two bequests for the care of lots in the cemetery have been received by the town the past year, which with others, previously made have been reported by us this year as among the liabilities of the town. We are not aware that there is any vote or by-law of the town respecting the care and use of such bequests, and as very probably others for similar purposes will be made, we recommend that the town adopt some rule or ordinance in regard to them.

EDWARD APPLETON,
GILMAN L. PARKER,
FRANK W. B. PRATT,
} *Auditors.*

Report of the Board of Engineers.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Reading:

The Engineers of the Fire Department would most respectfully submit their thirty-first report.

The department has responded to seventeen alarms since our last report.

	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. Rec'd.
March 17, Hyde & Co's. fireworks shop	$300 00	$0 00	$0 00
April 25, E. Manning's mill and storehouse	8.000 00	7,000 00	6,500 00
" 25, Mayall Rubber Co's. factory	57,500 00	76,400 00	54,000 00
" " E. A. Hill's brush shop (in basement of the mill)	2.000 00	500 00	500 00
May 5, House of Mrs. M. J. Greenwood	1,700 00	2,000 00	110 00
June 5, House of J. B. Frost	25 00	0 00	0 00
July 15, Two alarms for cord wood owned by H. Cox	40 00	0 00	0 00
Aug. 20, D. Cooksley's brush shop	1,000 00	350 00	310 00
Aug. 26, Chas. Damon's house	400 00	1,000 00	375 28
Oct. 18, E. Wiley's barn	2.000 00	1,875 00	1,875 00
Nov. 8, Fire at North Reading	0 00	0 00	0 00
Nov. 10, Fire in grove of Miss M. Hartshorn	0 00	0 00	0 00
Dec. 31, Wm. Kennery's store	200 00	600 00	600 00
Jan. 10, Luther Weston's barn	400 00	400 00	200 00
Jan. 18, Two alarms for barn of Clarence Merrill	1,635 00	1,800 00	1,635 00
March 7, Burning brush in yard of Dr. Hanaford	0 00	0 00	0 00

Since the last report, the department has purchased (1050) ten hundred and fifty feet of Warwick hose. A heater has been attached to the boiler in the basement of the steamer house, keeping the water in the steamer hot at all times in cold weather, without any additional expense. The department now owns two thousand feet of new hose and two thousand feet of old hose in fair condition.

The engine houses are all in good condition and will need little, if

any, repairing this year. The board would like an expression of the will of the town in regard to the disposition of Eagle engine and engine house. Since the purchase of the steamer there has been no use for them.

The board would recommend that an appropriation be made to build two or more cisterns, and to sink an artesian well for fire purposes, near the depot. Artesian wells have been sunk in several towns, giving very good results, being much better, and far cheaper, than cisterns.

The board also would recommend that the pay for *all* firemen be made ten dollars and their poll tax per annum, and that an allowance of twenty-five cents per hour, from time of apparatus leaving engine house until return be made. This to commence May 1, and to continue for one year.

It is the opinion of the board that twenty-two hundred dollars should be appropriated to defray the expenses of the fire department for the ensuing year.

In conclusion the board wishes to thank the citizens for favors received, and the members of the department for their promptness in performing their duties.

E. C. NICHOLS, *Chief Engineer.*
Wm. L. CROWE,
WENDELL BANCROFT, } *Assistants.*
ARTHUR S. RICHARDSON, *Clerk.*

CHIEF POLICE REPORT.

To the Selectmen of Reading :—

Gentlemen, I present the following report. The Police force have not done a great amount of work, but at the same time have done all that was required of them. The number of arrests during the year was 5 for which fact I congratulate the citizens of Reading. I believe Reading to stand at the head for good conduct generally. The following is a correct report. Number of arrests (5) :

For drunkenness	4
" Larceny	1
Lodging for tramps with permits	4
Tramps picked up and taken care of for the night	43
Doors found unlocked and opened	21
Fire alarms	5
Fires extinguished without alarm	1

The above work has been done by night watchman, Henry Stock, and certainly shows the need of such an officer.

I would recommend that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for Police services.

Also that the night watchman be required to wear a uniform when on duty.

Also that the citizens of this Town continue in their good behavior.

GEORGE E. DAVIS, *Chief Police.*

Report of Cemetery Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount in the hands of the committee March 1, 1884.....		$69 65
Drawn from the appropriation by the town.....		100 00
Received from sale of lots.....		288 00
		$457 65
Expended in care of ground:—		
Paid G. C. Gleason for labor.....	$146 00	
P. Barrett " "	78 75	
D. Sullivan " "	27 13	
C. Barbrick " "	13 13	
E. Buxton " "	3 75	
D. Babb " "	1 50	
C. K. Gleason " "	9 63	
M. Hennessey " " of self and horse...	44 38	
T. Riordan " "	7 00	
R. M. Boyce, load of dressing.....	1 75	
E. Wight, for gravel.....	6 12	
E. S. Gleason, for trimming trees, &c.....	2 00	
J. W. Manning, for trees.....	27 75	
W. E. Moulton, for loam, gravel and teaming	27 65	
M. E. Nichols, for painting gates.....	2 24	
M. Forbes for labor of self and horse.....	14 03	
		$412 81
Balance on hand.....		$44 84

F. O. DEWEY,
G. C. GLEASON,
Wm. J. WIGHTMAN,
JAMES A. BANCROFT,
F. W. B. PRATT,
S. BANCROFT,
} Committee.

Reading, March, 1885.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The Trustees of the Public Library submit the following report:—

During the year the library has been removed to convenient and central rooms in the Bank building, which, by vote of the town at its last annual meeting, have been leased for the term of five years.

A new catalogue has been prepared and a new system of delivery adopted, whereby the library has been made to conform to the best institutions of its character in other towns.

The new system seems to be appreciated by the patrons of the library, as it affords a better opportunity for the selection of books than heretofore.

The improvements are permanent in their character, and the cases are removable. The present mode of shelving the books, and the perfected system of charging employed, will obviate the necessity for the usual protracted withdrawal of the books from circulation during the summer.

Considerable extra shelf room remains for accessions in each department. If the capacity of the present alcoves were to be exhausted, and it became necessary to provide a larger room, re-numbering the present books would not be required, as the system of numbering employed is capable of expansion up to any limit likely to be reached in a library of this grade, the accessions being provided for by simply adding shelves, or tiers of shelves, to the different alcoves.

The present catalogue, therefore, so far as it goes, is of permanent value and need not be superseded. It could easily have been made more complete, by introducing sub-titles, such, for instance, as Biography, Art, Agriculture etc., grouping under such titles the books in each class. But considering the expense of printing, and the time and labor involved in the careful preparation of extended work of this sort, it was deemed best to adhere to the alphabetical system in its simplest form, each book being entered twice,

i.e., once under its title and once under the name of its author. The library being so small and the catalogue so compact, little difficulty will be encountered in finding the title of any book desired.

A card catalogue, which will probably be completed during the present year, will group together books by classes, and leaflets or bulletins in the catalogue style will be issued from time to time, designed to aid patrons pursuing special courses of reading.

The receipts and expenses of the library during the current year have been as follows:

Receipts:—

Appropriation	$600 00	
Amount of Dog tax	249 10	
		$849 10
Paid for services of Librarian	$152 45	
rent	153 33	
E. Parker, cleaning	4 00	
C. W. Clark, supplies,	7 40	
W. Bancroft, labor and stock	88 32	
J. C. Cook, " " "	10 05	
W. H. Bancroft, " " "	1 32	
A. J. Bancroft, " " "	10 13	
L. Descalzo & Co, labor and stock	12 93	
C. G. Rogers, labor and stock	15 12	
A. J. Foster, labor,	3 50	
H. W. Blanchard, labor,	2 40	
H. E. Cox, wood,	6 86	
Old Colony bindery, bookbinding	23 75	
J. C. Page, insurance,	18 75	
Lang's express	70	
Citizen's Gas Light Company	10 15	
C. M. Barrows & Co. print'g catalogues, etc	239 25	
Carter, Rice & Co., paper	5 10	
T. Littlefield, stoves and piping	15 75	
Estes & Lauriat, books	59 86	
Sundries	7 98	
		$849 10

FINE ACCOUNT.

Amount of balance, 1884	$84 65	
Received for fines	18 15	
for catalogues	41 50	
for cards	1 60	
waste paper sold	2 20	
		$148 10
Paid for books	$50 00	
for sundry supplies	4 02	
express fees	2 65	
services	15 00	
N. Chamberlain & Co, hand stamp	8 00	
check rack	5 00	
stationery	2 58	
catalogue cards	10 00	
		$97 25
Balance		$50 85

Two vacancies will require to be filled at the ensuing annual meeting, the terms of Messrs. Thomas and Prentiss expiring.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN FOSTER, *Chairman.*
HORACE G. WADLIN, *Sec'y.*
JAMES H. GRIGGS,
CYRUS M. BARROWS,
HARLEY PRENTISS,
CHARLES D. THOMAS,
Trustees.

READING, *March 15, 1885.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF READING,

For the Year 1884-5.

REPORT.

The School Committee for the year ending March, 1885, respectfully submit the following report :—

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

The organization of the Committee during the year has been as follows :—

Chairman—Horace G. Wadlin.
Secretary—Henry G. Kittredge.

SUB COMMITTEES.

High School—Messrs. Wadlin and Wright.
First Grammar—Mr. Kittredge.
Second Grammar—Mr. S. E. Parker.
Third Grammar—Mr. Wright.
Upper Medium—Mr. E. F. Parker.
Lower Medium—Mr. S. E. Parker.
Upper Primary—Mr. Kittredge.
Lower Primary—Mr. Wadlin.
Chestnut Hill Schools—Mr. Kittredge.
Woburn Street Schools—Mr. Bancroft.
Lowell Street School—Mr. E. F. Parker.
Main Street School—Mr. Bancroft.
Haverhill Street School—Mr. S. E. Parker.
On Prudential Affairs—Messrs. E. F. Parker and S. E. Parker.
On Music—Mr. Wright.
On Accounts—Mr. E. F. Parker.
On Text Books and Supplies—Mr. E. F. Parker.

GENERAL REMARKS.

As usual, we confine ourselves to general remarks concerning the schools. For statements in detail respecting attendance, number of visitors, expenditures, etc., the reader is referred to the statistical information presented in the appendix. The system of monthly reports to the parents, showing the progress and standing of pupils, renders any extended remarks upon those points unnecessary. The Committee regret that parents do not more generally visit the schools and by personal inspection familiarize themselves with their condition. A few hours spent in the class room will do more toward exhibiting the real work of the teacher than can any statement of ours, however complete. It is sufficient to say that the schools have maintained their usual efficiency during the year. In general, the teachers have successfully conducted the work entrusted to them, and for their services are entitled to the thanks of the Committee. No matter how liberal the appropriations granted by the town, no matter how competent a committee may be selected to disburse such appropriations, the success or failure of the schools depends almost entirely upon the character and qualifications of the teachers. All are not equally efficient. That, indeed, ought not to be expected. Without exception, however, we believe them to be faithful and conscientious, and we request in their behalf the sympathy and co-operation of the parents, without which no teacher can succeed.

CHANGES IN TEACHING FORCE.

At the end of the Spring term Mrs. Sarah A. Goodridge closed her connection with the schools of Reading by resignation after honorable service of many years. The vacancy was filled by the selection of Miss Roberts, of Somerville, who came here with a superior record as to scholarship, and who is still in charge of the school.

Miss Mattie Davis, of the Woburn street grammar school, resigned at the same time, and was succeeded by Miss Hattie C. Emerson, of Reading, who was well known to the Committee from her high standing in our High School and in the Normal School at Bridgewater. Miss Emerson has been re-elected for the ensuing year.

A change also occurred at the beginning of the Fall term in the Haverhill street school, Miss Elliot, a graduate of the Salem Normal School, taking the place of Miss Olena Wakefield who resigned to accept a position elsewhere.

Miss Mary E. Murkland, of Lynn, a young lady thoroughly devoted to the work of teaching, and who had been very successful in the Woburn street primary, recently resigned on account of ill-health. The vacancy has been filled by the election of Miss Mason, of Somerville, the substitute in charge during Miss Murkland's absence.

Mr. George W. Wilson, of Wakefield, has conducted instruction in music since the resignation of Mr. Carey at the close of the Spring term. His services have been found entirely satisfactory to the Committee, and he has been re-elected for the ensuing year.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This school at present numbers 88 pupils. 15 graduated in June with the usual diploma. The names of these graduates appear in the Appendix.

Provision is now made for a four years' course of study in this school in fulfilment of the plan outlined in last year's report. In the future it is probable that many pupils will remain four years instead of three.

GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY DEPARTMENTS.

No special reference need be made to the work of these grades. The number of pupils at present attending is 469.

ATTENDANCE.

Few instances of truancy have occurred, and none requiring the enforcement of law by the truant officers. Sickness, except at the Main street school, has not seriously interfered with attendance. At the Main street school, which consists of a very small number of pupils, scarlet fever reduced the attendance to such a degree, that during the last part of the winter term, the school was closed. Generally the well known record of our schools with respect to attendance has been maintained. Practically, all our children are in the schools, and it has not been necessary to resort to compulsion to bring them there. In this regard the town is especially fortunate, and it is to be hoped that these conditions may long continue.

FREE TEXT BOOKS.

The law requiring all text books and school supplies to be furnished to the pupils at the expense of the town, went into effect on the first day of August. Prior to that date it was manifestly impossible to state with accuracy just how much money would be needed to carry out the provisions of the statute. From such estimates as they were able to make, the Committee last year asked the town to appropriate a sum which they hoped would be sufficient for the purpose. This, however, proved inadequate, and, it appearing that a deficiency would otherwise ensue, it was determined to ask for an additional appropriation of $800 which, at a meeting called in December was granted, and this latter appropriation has not been exceeded. The total direct cost to the town has been $1239.22. Books and supplies, not yet distributed, valued at $146.84 are in charge of the Committee, and, besides these, there are now on hand in all the schools, a full supply of books. But, of course, ordinary wear and the entrance of new pupils to be supplied, will occasion a constant expenditure. Many articles, such as

writing and drawing books, paper, pencils, etc., are inevitably worn out each year. In the city of Fall River, the average life of a book, under this system, has been found to be four years. Now that the plan has been introduced, and a full supply of text books purchased, the annual appropriation may be much smaller than the sum expended last year.

Whatever their individual opinions as to the principles involved in the statute requiring free books, the Committee have striven to carry out its provisions in good faith, and only such regulations regarding the use of the books have been adopted as will provide for their careful preservation.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

At the last annual meeting, the Committee were instructed by the town to report estimates of the cost of alterations in the Union Hall and John street buildings, and also alternative estimates of the cost of a new school building to accommodate the centre primary schools.

That action should be taken by the town to provide better accommodations for these schools, no one will deny who is at all familiar with the rooms at present devoted to their use. We can only repeat our remarks of last year which were as follows: "We desire pointedly to call the attention of the town to the condition of the rooms occupied by the Union street primary schools. They are, as is well known, small, poorly ventilated, and totally unfit for the use to which they are put. In their present state they are a disgrace to the town. The front room, especially, occupied by the lower primary, has no adequate clothes room for hanging the cloaks and hats of pupils, and consequently a portion of the school room wall is utilized for this purpose. On a wet day, when the room is heated, the steam arising from drying garments mingled with the impurities resulting from the crowded condition of the room, renders the air so bad as to be injurious to health."

It is doubtful if there exist in eastern Massachusetts two rooms so utterly inadequate to their purpose as those in the Union Hall building. Alterations in that building whereby one school room with entries could be obtained on the first floor for one of the primaries, and the building of a new story under the John street structure, giving a room for the other primary, could be effected at an estimated cost of $2,700.

A new two-room school house, finished complete, with proper ventilation and heating apparatus, could be built at a cost not exceeding $4,000, or a four-room building for $6,500. If the latter were erected, the Union Hall building might be abandoned and sold. If a two-room building were built, it would still be necessary to use the second story of the Union Hall building as a grammar school room.

Whatever is done the Committee believe that although a smaller present expenditure would suffice to remodel the existing buildings, yet a wiser economy might justify the erection of a new structure in which higher and therefore better lighted and more perfectly ventilated rooms might be obtained, together with more convenient arrangements generally, rather than to put more money into old structures. Whoever has had practical experience in the alteration of old buildings will appreciate the force of this statement. The matter rests entirely with the town, however, and will come before it for consideration. Something ought to be done at no distant day. The need of action cannot be too strongly enforced.

ORDINARY REPAIRS.

During the year, fencing and grading have been done at the Chestnut Hill school. The Woburn street building has been whitened inside and supplied with new blackboards, and the Woburn street and Chestnut Hill buildings have been painted outside. Other routine repairs have been executed, of which a full statement of the cost appears in the Appendix.

During the ensuing year the Haverhill and Lowell street buildings will require painting outside, and some inside painting will be needed.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES.

Two vacancies in the committee are to be filled at the ensuing town meeting. The terms of Messrs. James H. Bancroft and Henry G. Kittredge expire.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The committee recommend that the town raise and appropriate the sum of $8,100 for regular school expenses, the same amount as was raised last year. And they also recommend that $1,400 be raised and appropriated for incidental school expenses, including the purchase of text books and supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE G. WADLIN,
CARROLL D. WRIGHT,
EDWARD F. PARKER,
STILLMAN E. PARKER,
JAMES A. BANCROFT,
HENRY G. KITTREDGE,
} *School Committee of Reading.*

Adopted in School Committee,
March 20, 1885.

Table Showing Salaries, Attendance, and Number of Visitors.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	No. of Visitors.	TEACHERS NOW EMPLOYED.	SALARIES NOW PAID.	Average Mem'ship.			Average Attend'nce.			Pupils during yr over 15 years.	Pupils during yr under 5 years.
				1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.		
High School	79	E. P. Fitts, Principal	$1,200 00 per year.	72	91	88	71	88	83	61	
		Miss Mary L. Stinchfield, 1st Assistant	12 00 per week								
		Miss Cora F. Adams, 2d Assistant	9 00 " "								
First Grammar	97	Miss Jennie R. Barrus	13 00 " "	46	45	44	45	43	41	9	
Second Grammar	54	Miss Alice M. Barrows	12 00 " "	34	39	39	32	37	36	3	
Third Grammar	44	Miss A. L. M. Buswell	10 00 " "	30	37	39	29	35	37		
Union-st. Upper Medium	71	Miss Ella F. Wakefield	10 00 " "	35	29	29	33	26	27		
Union-st. Lower Medium	57	Mrs. Alice W. Emerson	10 00 " "	28	24	25	26	23	22		
Union-st. Upper Primary	91	Miss Lillian C. Roberts	8 00 " "	57	54	52	54	51	48		
Union-st. Lower Primary	188	Miss Ruth L. Pratt	10 00 " "	61	51	47	50	44	38		2
Chestnut Hill Grammar	42	Miss Sarah M. Pearson	8 00 " "	21	24	27	18	22	22	2	
Chestnut Hill Primary	46	Miss Mary W. Howard	7 00 " "	40	37	36	33	31	25		1
Woburn-st. Grammar	52	Miss Hattie C. Emerson	10 00 " "	32	38	38	23	32	26	1	
Woburn-st. Primary	61	Miss Carrie L. Mason	8 00 " "	39	35	33	35	33	25		5
Lowell-st. Mixed	29	Miss Kate L. Beard	9 00 " "	40	35	35	38	32	31	3	1
Main-st. Mixed	8	Miss Annie P. Reid	6 00 " "	9	8	7	8	8	6		
Haverhill-st. Mixed	43	Miss Susan C. Elliot	6 00 " "	15	18	18	15	17	14		1
	962			559	565	557	510	522	481	79	10

APPENDIX.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of Reading	3,182
Number children between 5 and 15 years of age May, '84	578
Number children between 8 and 14 years of age May, '84	358
Amount appropriated for instruction, fuel, and care of rooms	$8,100 00
Amount appropriated for incidentals	2,100 00
Amount drawn from State School Fund	52 35
Amount received from other sources	177 76
Total receipts	10,430 11
Expended for instruction, fuel, and care of rooms	8,117 52
for incidentals	2,312 59
Total expenditures	10,430 11

PUPILS.

Number of different pupils enrolled for the year	659
Average membership of all the schools	560
Average attendance in all the schools during the year	504
Percentage of attendance, based upon the average membership	90
Number attending within the year between 8 and 14 years of age (compulsory school age)	358
Number of pupils admitted to the High School	41

Youngest pupil admitted, age 12 years, 2 months.

Oldest pupil admitted, age 18 years, 2 months.

Average age of pupils admitted, 14 years, 9 months.

TEACHERS.

Number of male teachers employed	1
Number of female teachers employed	16
Average wages, per month, of female teachers	$37 00
Number of teachers who have attended normal schools	8
Number of teachers who have graduated from normal schools	8

NAMES OF PUPILS GRADUATED FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL, JUNE, 1884.

Addie M. Bancroft,
Annie P. Channell,
Edith A. Garfield,
H. Jennie Killam,
Grace C. Staniford,
Hannie C. Stott,
Hattie S. Temple,
Hattie M. Walker,
Lettie B. Wiley,
F. A. B. Bent,
Edward D. Brown,
Augustus I. Hadley,
Martin B. Hartshorn,
William S. Kinsley,
John B. Lewis.

ROLL OF HONOR,

Giving the names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy since March, 1884, and the schools to which they belong:

HIGH SCHOOL.

*Mary E. Vermill,
*Annie M. Kingman,
Clyde C. Wakefield,
†Hattie E. Richardson,
*Percy A. Carter,
‖Nathaniel G. Hill,
Grace M. Wakefield.

FIRST GRAMMAR.

Arthur G. Bancroft,
Frank Channell,
Alice Morrill.

SECOND GRAMMAR.

Robert L. Forbes,
Grace D. Sweetser.

THIRD GRAMMAR.

*Wilfred A. Bancroft.

UNION STREET LOWER MEDIUM.

Blanche Danforth, Edith V. C. Potter.

UNION STREET UPPER PRIMARY.

Lucia L. Temple, Josie A. Sweetser.

WOBURN STREET GRAMMAR.

Ardell P. Temple.

LOWELL STREET.

Beatrice Gilson.

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*Neither absent nor tardy for two years.

†Neither absent nor tardy for three years.

‖Neither absent nor tardy for five years.

EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

INSTRUCTION.

Paid for teaching High School	$1,998 00	
First Grammar	494 00	
Second Grammar	456 00	
Third Grammar	370 00	
Upper Medium	380 00	
Lower Medium	380 00	
Upper Primary	328 00	
Lower Primary	370 00	
Chestnut Hill Grammar	304 00	
Chestnut Hill Primary	276 00	
Woburn Street Grammar	355 00	
Woburn Street Primary	296 00	
Lowell Street Mixed	342 00	
Main Street Mixed	188 40	
Haverhill Street Mixed	218 00	
Music Teacher	367 53	
		$7,122 93

JANITORS.

Paid for care of Centre School buildings	$292 00	
Woburn St. School buildings	75 00	
Walnut St. School buildings	57 00	
Lowell St. School buildings	32 50	
Main St. School buildings	23 25	
Haverhill St. School buildings	38 00	
		$517 75

Amount brought forward,		$7,640 68

FUEL.

Paid Wendell Bancroft, for coal	$30 00	
John C. Gleason, for coal	345 00	
Edward F. Parker, for wood	43 50	
Justin L. Parker, for wood	33 00	
Milton D. Parker, for wood	5 84	
Horace W. Blanchard, for labor on wood	19 50	
		$476 84
Total amount expended		$8,117 52
Receipts :—		
Appropriation	$8,100 00	
Drawn from Mass. School Fund	17 52	
		$8,117 52

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

FOR BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid J. L. Hammett,	$104 02
Boston School Supply Co.	122 69
Estes and Lauriat,	3 96
D. Appleton & Co.,	9 15
Charles H. Whiting,	78 91
Ginn, Heath & Co.,	106 07
Wm. Ware & Co.,	172 41
Clark and Maynard,	82 23
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	25 30
A. W. Danforth,	117 34
White, Smith & Co.,	18 09
Winkley and Dresser,	12 15
Maynard and Noyes,	7 50
C. W. Calkins & Co.,	5 00
Knight, Adams & Co.,	44 99
Harper and Brothers,	11 10
Carroll W. Clark,	34 77
Iverson Blakeman and Taylor,	127 15
W. H. Willis & Son,	106 27
Amount carried forward,	$1,189 10

Amount brought forward,	$1,189 10	
Paid A. E. Storkin,.....	4 69	
Geo. S. Perry,.....	6 63	
Willard P. Adden	4 50	
Cowperwaith & Co.,.....	15 90	
Amy Smith,.....	2 30	
Annie P. Kingman,.....	60	
Mary Ann McAllister,.....	50	
E. Davies,.....	15 00	
Total	———	$1239 22

FOR SUNDRIES.

Paid Clarence Barbrick for clearing stove pipe..	1 25	
Wm. M. Titus for stove and labor.....	31 10	
Citizens Gas Light Co. for gas.....	17 15	
A. G. Whitcomb for seats and benches....	31 00	
Patrick Cannley for labor...	12 00	
F. J. Bancroft for repairs on pianos.....	1 75	
" " " use of "	6 00	
Old South Parish for use of church.....	15 00	
Wallace Robey for labor.....	1 15	
J. F. Runnels for services at High School exhibition.....	3 00	
Wm. H. Twombly for printing.....	2 00	
C. M. Barrows & Co. "	7 50	
Wendall Bancroft labor and materials.....	110 23	
S. M. Hall for mason work and "	59 63	
J. C. Cook painting and setting glass.....	51 50	
A. S. Richardson repairs on pumps.....	12 75	
Moses E. Nichols painting and setting glass.	88 54	
A. I. Swasey for blackboards.....	100 00	
B. Foley for whitening school rooms	8 50	
Wm. J. Wightman for insurance.....	240 00	
Smith & Anthony Stove Co. for furnace...	68 34	
N. W. Broad for labor and materials.....	35 39	
Amount carried forward,	$903 78	

Amount brought forward,	$903 78	
Paid James E. Wilkins for blasting stone	10 00	
Moses Barbrick for repairs	3 95	
Harris Austin for repairs on clock	50	
R. L. Beers " " " "	3 00	
Daniel Pratt's Son " " "	1 75	
E. P. Fitts for chemicals	2 15	
Geo. O. Bachelder use of land	5 00	
Parker and Stone for supplies	13 35	
Edward F. Parker agent for purchase and disbursement of books	75 00	
Cummings' express	13 30	
W. E. Moulton clearing well	2 00	
J. N. Nichols setting glass	80	
Langs express	15	
George Beasley for gravel	60	
Edward F. Parker for expences on books	4 30	
R. L. Beers for curtains and fixtures	6 89	
Wallace Roby for labor	1 25	
Edwin Bassett washing windows	5 00	
T. Littlefield for labor and materials	20 60	
		$1073 57

Receipts :—

1st Appropriation April meeting	$1300 00	
2nd " Dec. "	800 00	
Recieved from Wm. J. Wightman return premium or insurance	120 00	
Recieved from Tuition of non–residents	37 00	
" " School Committee for books sold	20 76	
	$2277 76	
Drawn from Mass. School Fund	34 83	
		$2312 59

Books and supplies in hands of agent	147 39	
Cash in hands of agent for books sold since March 1	45	
		$146 84

TOWN WARRANT.

1885.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Reading.

Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the sixth day of April, A. D. 1885, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:—

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Assesssors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector, School Committee, Engineers of the Fire Department, Trustees of the Public Library, Trustees of the Cemetery, and Auditors.

Art. 3. To see if the town will revoke its acceptance of the provisions of the Sections 64 to 73 inclusive of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, in relation to the election of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

Art. 4. To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for one year, one for two years and one for three years. One Assessor for one year, one for two years and one for three years. One Overseer of the Poor for one year, one for two years and one for three years, Treasurer, Collector, Two School Committees for three years, Surveyor of Highways, Two Trustees of the Public Library for three years and all other necessary town officers.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Sections 22 and 23 of Chapter 50 of the Public Statutes.

Art. 6. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the purpose of laying concrete sidewalks and edgestones the ensuing year; provided the abutters pay one-half the expense of laying the same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the improvement of the Common, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will employ a night watch the ensuing year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will authorize the erection of a new building or the remodeling of exist-

ing buildings, for the purpose of providing better accommodations for the Union Street Primary Schools, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 11. To determine how much money the Town will raise for schools, incidental school expenses, repairing highways and bridges, the removal of snow, fire department, support of the poor, street lights, salaries of town officers, military aid, printing, abatement of taxes, town office, maintenance of police, cemetery, public library, Old South clock, soldier's graves, interest on the town debt, reduction of the town debt and miscellaneous expenses.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer under the direction of the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 13. To see what instructions the Town will give their Assessors and Collector.

Art. 14. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Art 15. To see if the Town will vote to provide a public water supply or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will cause all town warrants to be published in the Reading *Chronicle* or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will erect and maintain five new street lights on Main street between Summer avenue and the first street light north on Main street, one at the corner of Main and Federal streets, corner of Pleasant and Middle streets, corner of Pleasant and Eaton streets corner of Ash and Avon streets, and a gas light on Woburn street between Linden and Chute streets.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will fix the pay of members of the Reading Fire Department, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will construct more reservoirs for fire purposes, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 20. To see how much money the Town will appropriate to sink an artesian well near the depot for fire purposes, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Engineers to sell the Eagle Engine and house, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will build a cistern at or near the corners of Pierce and Salem streets and how much money they will raise and appropriate for the same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will build a cistern at or near the corners of Ash and Avon streets and how much money they will raise and appropriate for the same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will increase the pay of the members of the Hook and Ladder company, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair the sidewalk on the westerly side of Ash street from the Railroad crossing to Cross street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will build a sidewalk on the northerly side of Locust street between Highland and Beacon streets, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for the same or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will raise and appro-

priate the sum of four hundred dollars to widen Main street from Geo. L. Putnam's line to Summer avenue, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will cause flagstones to be laid across High street from the Railroad station to the corners of Haven and Chute streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 29. To see how much the Town will pay per day for labor on the highways, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will give any instructions to the Highway Surveyor in regard to employing citizens of this town upon the highways.

Art. 31. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the enforcement of the liquor law, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 32. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to raise the abutments and grade of the bridge over the Boston and Maine Railroad at Mineral street crossing, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will purchase one dozen Johnson pumps to be distributed about the town, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 34. To see if the town will furnish a pump and watering trough at the corners of West and Woburn streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will give permission to the Lyceum Hall Association to place a pump in the well in Main street opposite the residence of Francis A. Phelps, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will instruct the Trustees of the Public Library to move the Library into the new Town building on Pleasant street.

Art. 37. To see what instructions the Town will give its Selectmen in regard to the suit of Edwin Pierce for damage sustained in consequence of alleged defect in highway.

Art. 38. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to erect and maintain Guide Boards and Street Signs, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will release to Susan Bancroft the real estate on the west side of Linden street, sold to the town for taxes in 1878 by W. Wallace Davis, collector, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen on laying out a town-way from Prospect street to Mineral street (so called), also, a town way from Summer avenue to West street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 41. To hear and act upon a list of jurors prepared by the Selectmen.

Art. 42. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will accept the sum of $75.00 in trust from the estates of Mrs. Susan Wright and Mrs. Elizabeth Preston and from Margaret Gilman, the income from the same to be used for the purpose of keeping their cemetery lot, No 526 1-2, in the Reading cemetery, in repair.

Art. 44. To see if the Town will accept the sum of $100.00 in trust from Susan A. Martin, the income from the same to be used for the purpose of keeping her cemetery lot in Reading cemetery in repair.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings therein, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands, this twenty-sixth day of March, A. D., 1885.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT,
JAMES A. BANCROFT,
CHAS. H. NOWELL,
Selectmen of Reading.

A true copy. Attest: